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TAGS: EATD, EFIS, MX

SUBJECT: CONSERVATION IMPACT OF PROPOSED IDB LOAN FOR
MEXICAN FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT

REFS: A. MEXICO 5461; B. MEXICO 5679; C. MEXICO 5714

1. PROPOSED DOLLARS 49 MILLION IDB ORDINARY CAPITAL LOAN

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FOR MEXICAN FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT INCLUDES DOLLARS 18

MILLION FOR TUNA BOATS. ISSUE HAS ARISEN WHETHER THIS IDB LOAN LIKELY TO RESULT IN DEPLETION OF YELLOW FIN TUNA IN AREA COVERED BY INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC) AGREEMENTS. THIS ISSUE INCLUDES NUMBER OF POINTS, INCLUDING MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE TOWARD CONTINUING TO PARTICIPATE IN WORK OF THE IATTC AND OF CAPABILITY OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO ENFORCE IATTC AGREEMENTS.

2. FOR OTTAWA, PANAMA, SAN JOSE, AND MANAGUA: WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OPINION OF HOST GOVERNMENT POSITION TUNA CONSERVATION ISSUE, INCLUDING SUB-ISSUE WHETHER IDB AS CONDITION OF APPROVING LOAN SHOULD ASSURE ITSELF THAT GOM WILL COOPERATE IN IATTC WORK AND THAT GOM CAN ENFORCE IATTC AGREEMENTS. IN ADDITION TO SUBSTANCE OF HOST COUNTRY VIEWS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON LIKELIHOOD THAT HOST COUNTRY WILL FEEL STRONGLY ENOUGH ON ISSUE TO HAVE ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN FORMAL AND INFORMAL IDB DELIBERATIONS ON THIS ISSUE. INASMUCH AS LOAN HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED TO THE IDB BOARD AND USG POSITION HAS NOT BEEN FORMULATED, DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.

3. FOR MEXICO: IDB STAFF APPARENTLY OPERATING ON ASSUMPTION THAT STATEMENTS QUOTED REF B DO NOT REFLECT PRESENT OR FUTURE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT POLICY. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FORWARDING SPANISH TEXT OF RELEVANT PORTION MEDINA NERI'S BASIC STATEMENT REF B AND YOUR CURRENT UNDERSTANDING ATTITUDE GOM LIKELY TO TAKE TOWARD WORK OF IATTC AT NOVEMBER 12-16 MEETING IN WASHINGTON. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR FACTUAL SUMMARY OF MAGNITUDE ENFORCEMENT PROBLEM, E.G. WHAT IS MEXICAN CAPABILITY MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE OF TWO PORTS WHERE TUNA CAN BE PROCESSED AND CAPABILITY MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE OVER SHIPS AT SEA. RUSH

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